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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
WASTE TIRE AMNESTY EVENT GRANT
FOR TIRE COLLECTION EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Accept a regional grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to conduct six waste tire collection events throughout the County during Fiscal Year 2006-07. Two collection events will be conducted in the Antelope Valley in partnership with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The CIWMB offers annual regional waste tire amnesty grants. It is providing \$25,000 per jurisdiction for up to three jurisdictions for this cycle. The County has partnered with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale in past tire amnesty grants, and has partnered again to obtain this grant. The County will act as the lead agency and utilize the \$75,000 grant to help fund six waste tire collection events throughout the County where illegal dumping of waste tires is a serious problem. These tires cause blight to the community and pose a serious threat to public health and safety as well as to the environment. The waste tires serve as nesting areas for rodents and breeding grounds for mosquitoes that can spread West Nile virus and other illnesses. Waste tires can

also catch fire and release thick toxic smoke. These collection events will help remediate these problems by providing an opportunity for residents to drop off tires to be recycled free of charge. This service is a component of the County's Integrated Waste Tire Management Program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility by improving public health and safety Countywide and strengthening the County's fiscal capacity by actively seeking external funding sources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated project cost is \$175,000 for the County, which will be financed from the Solid Waste Management Fund. The Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale will contribute in-kind services consisting of providing collection sites, local outreach, traffic control, and supervision for the two events conducted in the Antelope Valley. The Solid Waste Management Fund has sufficient funds budgeted for this expense in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 adopted budget of which \$75,000 will be reimbursed from the grant.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 21, 2006, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute agreements and any amendments needed to secure grants with the CIWMB, and to act as the lead agency in regional waste tire amnesty grant projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental impacts of their actions. On November 4, 1993, your Board complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the Los Angeles County Source Reduction and Recycling Element, which is part of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and includes the County's Integrated Waste Tire Management Program.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The grant will augment the County's Integrated Waste Tire Management Program which provides free tire recycling services to County residents.

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CONCLUSION

Please return three approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel